

ARIZONA B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION BYLAWS

Effective: 01/01/2011



Introduction:

The Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was established to provide an association between anglers for the advancement of the sport of fishing, the enjoyment of competition between friends, and the appreciation of our natural environment. As a group, the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation is dedicated to the good fellowship of our members, the sport of bass fishing, youth events, conservation and the goodwill of our community.

Membership Requirements:

- Membership in the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation is open to persons over sixteen (16) years of age or older with a valid driver's license.
- All members of the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation are required to be members in good standing of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.).
- All members are required to pay their annual membership fees (no later than December 31st).
- All members are required to pay their annual membership fees of sixty dollars (\$60.00).

Revised By Laws & Tournament Rules 2011

Written by Administrator

Sunday, November 28 2010 08:38 - Last Updated Sunday, November 28 2010 14:10

Thirty dollars (\$30.00) will go towards national dues and thirty dollars(\$30.00) for State dues. These fees are due and payable upon application and are good from the period of January 1 – December 31 of each year, regardless of when the fee is paid.

- The state treasury will collect the \$30.00 member state dues from club Presidents.
- Club Presidents will be responsible for making sure their member's national dues and magazine subscription is paid.

Club Presidents are responsible for making sure their club roster is current with B.A.S.S. No part of the membership fee is refundable if a member voluntarily leaves the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation during the tournament season (January 1st – December 31st).

Requirements for Member/Club to be in good standings:

- Clubs are recommended to have a representative at monthly AZBFN meetings so they can forward information on to their club membership.
- Members are required to participate in one community service project per year and two projects to qualify for the State Team. These projects must be approved by the Board and completed prior to the first and last qualifier. (Jr. Bass, Casting Kids, Conservation)

Membership Benefits:

Members in good standing of the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation:

1. Are eligible to fish in Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Tournaments.
2. Are eligible to receive any yearly awards and prizes for which they qualify.
3. Are eligible for any privileges or discounts negotiated for our members.
4. Members in good standings of B.A.S.S. are eligible to receive liability insurance during any Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation sponsored event.
5. Who are also members in good standing of B.A.S.S. are also given membership in the National Bass Federation of Anglers and are eligible following rights and privileges pertaining to members of this organization. Included in these benefits is a Subscription to B.A.S.S. Times Magazine.

Loss of Membership Benefits:

Members of the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation who are considered not in good standing will lose all membership benefits if they fail to meet the membership requirements as listed. Members who are not in good standing will be reinstated without prejudice once they have met the membership requirements. Members who fail to meet the membership requirements by midyear for that tournament season, for which they have paid fees, will lose all membership

benefits for that year and will forfeit their membership dues and benefits.

Members Expelled For Cause:

A member in good standing in the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation may be expelled for the following:

- Gross negligence or conduct that result in death or injury to any person or persons or destruction of property.
- Violation of law or statute during any Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nationsponsored event.
- Flagrant violation (cheating, gross misconduct, operating under the influence etc) of any tournament rule(s) as determined by the governing board of Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation.

The following procedure must be followed in order to expel a member in good standing of the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation.

- The governing board of the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation will review any motion to expel a person and vote on the motion at the next meeting.

Reinstatement Of Members Expelled For Cause:

Reinstatement of a member expelled for cause can be accomplished by following the same procedure as required for expulsion. However, reinstatement requests will not be accepted during the same tournament year as original expulsion.

Governing Board:

- A Board of officers shall govern the AZBFN as follows: President, Vice President, Tournament Director, Treasurer, Secretary and past President (non-voting member) and are the elected officers.
- Committee Chairs are as follows: Assistant Tournament Director, Tournament Committee, Youth Director, Conservation Director, Web Master and Local Sponsorship Director and are appointed.

Eligibility:

A person must be a member in good standing of the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation for one (1) year prior to be eligible for any position on the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation governing board.

Election:

The elected officers for the AZBFN will be elected by the Clubs every other year. The nominations for officers will be accepted at the regularly scheduled September member meeting. Any member can make nominations for State officers.

Officers hold their elected offices for the term of two (2) years unless they resign sooner. If a vacancy should occur after the scheduled election, an appointee approved by the Board will fill the vacant position. The person appointed by the Board to fill any vacancy must be by majority vote of the Board. Elections for a position on the AZBFN Board will be held in October. Each Club must submit their ballot to the existing Board one day prior to the regularly scheduled November meeting. At the November member meeting the Club votes will be calculated and the results read out loud.

Board Responsibilities:

All board members (both elected and appointed) must attend ½ of all meetings to be in good standing with the Arizona B.A.S.S. Federation Nation.

President:

- Presides over all issues concerning the Organization including but not limited to State meetings, agenda for State meetings, maintain order at all times, control debates, and oversee all elections.
- Maintains National Sponsorship and State Team Sponsorships which includes informing the membership of all and any merchandise discounts available through B.A.S.S.
- With the approval of the Board, appoints committee chairs, assigns their duties, monitors their progress and receives their reports.
- With the approval of the Board, makes appointments to fill vacant Board positions.
- Approval of the Board is to be determined as a simple majority vote.

Vice President:

- The Vice President takes the President's place and fulfills his duties, when the President is not present. If the President resigns the V.P. will take his place permanently with a simple majority vote of the Board.
- The V.P. is the State membership chairman and is responsible for the annual membership

drive.

- The V.P. presides over all local sponsorships and appoints a chair to assist him with these duties. The assistant must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- The V.P. is in charge of approving and monitoring all community service projects. This includes maintaining all records of events and passing this info onto the Tournament Director to verify eligibility of qualifying for the State Team.

Tournament Director:

- Presides over all aspects of the AZ Bass Federation Nation Qualifiers, which includes the posting of the yearly Qualifier schedule, launch times, weigh-in times and designated off-limit areas.
- Interprets and rules on all observed or reported violations of the AZ Bass Federation Nation tournament rules. Acts as Weigh-Master for all qualifiers, procures all necessary permits and documents for events, handles tournament registration and maintains all payout records.
- Maintains B.A.S.S. roster & membership numbers of all tournament participants and provides updated membership info to B.A.S.S. and the AZ Bass Federation Nation. This includes verifying that all boaters have the minimum boat insurance coverage.
- Appoints an assistant tournament director to assist him and assembles a tournament committee to help with running the yearly qualifiers. This includes verifying that all State Team qualifiers have completed their 2 community service projects prior to the last qualifier of the year.

Treasurer:

- Manages financial records, issues checks and maintains the checking account which includes the filing of year- end tax returns.
- Submits balance reports to members and the Board at monthly meetings.
- Works with the V.P. to maintain and verify that members have paid their State dues.
- Assists the Tournament director with the following: tournament registration, member payment and pay-outs at qualifiers.

Secretary:

- Maintains the meeting minutes for the AZ Bass Federation Nation which includes meeting attendance, posting meeting minutes on the website and forwarding all correspondence to club presidents and their members.
- Works with the V.P. to keep track of and post all community service projects including who the project coordinator was, the date it occurred, what the event was and who participated. This info will be posted on the main website for all members to review.

Past President:

- Advise the President of his current duties, Assist with National and State Team sponsorships if requested.

Revised By Laws & Tournament Rules 2011

Written by Administrator

Sunday, November 28 2010 08:38 - Last Updated Sunday, November 28 2010 14:10

- Will remain a Board member until replaced by the next past President or simply a one year term.
- Non-voting member.

Committee Chairs:

Assist Tournament Director:

- This position is appointed by the Tournament Director and the main objective is to handle all tournament registration, qualifier payments, pre-tournament pairings, monitoring of pay-pal payments, transferring funds from pay-pal to main account, posing of draw pairings on website, recording of all qualifier results and posting on the website as well as posting of all year to date results. Assists with maintaining club rosters to assure all members have paid their state & national dues and are registered with a local club.

Tournament Committee:

- Appointed by the Tournament Director, the main objective of this committee is to maintain the Bass trailer and bring to and from all Qualifiers. Prepare coffee and donuts prior to tournament blast-off and prepare BBQ food and drinks after Qualifiers. Assist Tournament Director with checking in boaters and non-boaters prior to blast-off, live well checks, morning blast-off, after tournament check-in, weigh-in and the safe release of fish back to the lake.

Youth Director:

- Oversees the operation of the Jr. Bass and Casting Kid events. Appoints (2) members to assist, one for the Jr. Bass events and another for the Casting Kid events. Maintains all paper work associated for both group events which include putting together rules and regulations, posting of all information on the youth website and holding fundraising events to help off-set operating expenses.

Conservation Director:

- Responsible for overseeing all of the Arizona Bass Federation Nation conservation programs and working with the National B.A.S.S. Conservation Director, along with local and state fishing organizations.

Web Master:

- Maintain the website of the AZ Bass Federation Nation which includes working with all board members and committee chairs to post all info in a timely manner and monitor and make revisions as needed weekly.

Local Sponsorship:

Revised By Laws & Tournament Rules 2011

Written by Administrator

Sunday, November 28 2010 08:38 - Last Updated Sunday, November 28 2010 14:10

- Maintain local sponsorships and recruit new sponsors which include writing contracts to assure what our sponsors will be doing for us and what we are expected to do for them. This will include gathering merchandise for qualifier raffles, hosting the raffles at our qualifiers, posting sponsor info on our website and gathering info so we can advertise for our sponsor on the Bass trailer. The Vice President will assist you if needed.

Removal Of Board Member:

Upon a 30-day prior notice in writing, any Board Member can be removed from their position by a simple majority vote of the Board.

Procedure to revise the By-Laws:

Proposed revisions to this document must be made by the following procedures:

- Submit in writing to the Board via Club presidents and can be at anytime during the year.
- Proposed revision will then be reviewed by the Board and read aloud at the next AZBFN meeting.
- This information must then be reviewed by the clubs membership and approved or disapproved. The clubs final results must be forwarded to the Board no later than 1 day prior to the next AZBFN meeting. (One vote per Club)
- At the next meeting the results will be read aloud and a majority of club votes will either approve or disapprove the proposed revision. If approved, there vision will become effective 30 days after approval.

Final authority for the interpretation of all Arizona B.A.S.S.Federation Nation Bylaws shall rest with the governing board.